

**TOWN OF WELLFLEET  
BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS  
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**100 INTRODUCTION**

- 101 The following regulations are promulgated under the authority of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. They supplement those provided by the State Building and Sanitary Codes, and those issued under the Wetlands Protection Act, the Water Pollution Control Act, the Wellfleet Floodplain Bylaw, and the Wellfleet Environmental Protection Bylaw. The Wellfleet Board of Health Regulations will prevail when they are more restrictive.
- 102 The following regulations are designed to protect the public health and safety of the residents and visitors, and are based on the particular physical, environmental, hydrogeological, and demographic conditions, and land use information and projections available to the Board as they relate to the Town of Wellfleet. Of specific concern is the need to protect the groundwater, which is the sole source of our drinking water.
- 103 These regulations become effective January 1, 1988 and supercede all previously issued Board of Health regulations, except as noted hereinafter.
- 104 If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of these regulations shall be judged invalid for any reason, that decision shall not affect any other portion of these regulations which shall remain in full force and effect; and, to this end, the provisions of these regulations are hereby declared severable.

**200 ADMINISTRATION**

- 201 The Board of Health will make determinations in accordance with these and other regulations, but reserves the right in special circumstances, as determined in its judgment, to be more restrictive, to issue variances, or to grant exemptions. The rationale for such departures shall be documented in written minutes of the Board of Health meeting in question.
- 202 The Health Agent is authorized to act for the Board of Health (1) when an applicant has clearly met all State and Wellfleet requirements, and (2) in emergency situations. At its next posted meeting, the Board of Health is required to ratify or modify as necessary in its judgment, the actions taken and/or decisions made by the Health Agent in such emergency situations.

**DEFINITIONS**

- 300 With the exceptions listed in 302, the definitions provided in the State Building and Sanitary Codes and the Wetlands Protection Regulations will apply. "Board" shall mean the Wellfleet Board of Health.

- 301 The following definitions are adopted by the Board for use in administering these regulations and interpreting State laws, regulations and codes.

**ABUTTERS** Owners of all adjacent properties and properties directly across any public or private highway, road, street or way.

**ALTERATION** To make different by changing, adding and/or subtracting components, piping, and/or location.

**BEDROOM** A room providing privacy, intended primarily for sleeping, and consisting of all of the following:

- (a) floor space of no less than 70 square feet
- (b) for new construction or existing houses and mobile homes a ceiling height of no less than 7'0"
- (c) an electrical service and ventilation, and with regard to new construction at least one building code conforming egress window.

The following are not considered bedrooms:

Any "pass through" room that does not afford privacy, a living room or "great" room, a dining room, kitchens, halls, bathrooms, unfinished cellars, unheated storage areas over garages, and loft spaces less than 70 square feet. Any extra rooms (such as a finished basement or playroom with building conforming egress) may be considered a bedroom if it meets the definition. For new construction, proposed renovation, alteration or replacement of structure, conformity to definition criteria is expected; for existing developments, criteria will be applied in context of the vintage of construction. In determining proper design flow where there is no corroborating record of a grandfathered number of bedrooms on file in the Health Department, the calculation will be derived only from presently existing bedrooms in instances where the Nitrogen Loading Limitation is exceeded. Deed restrictions will be required if maximum bedroom allotment is met and homeowner wishes to finish rooms that may appear to meet the definition above.

**FAILED SYSTEM** A failed system is defined as one in which there is evidence of sewage flow or ponding to the surface; evidence of overload of the system; the system is in such a state of disrepair that it can not function as originally intended; lack of four (4) foot of vertical separation between the bottom of the system and groundwater; system is composed of leach pit(s) or cesspool(s) which are inadequate in design or capacity for the existing use; or system requires pumping more than four (4) times in a twelve-month period to prevent such overflows.

**FILLED LAND** Land whose elevation is being, or has been, raised within the past fifty years by the addition of fill or spoil on the preexisting natural grade.

**GRANDFATHERED NON-CONFORMING DWELLING** an existing habitable dwelling with a design flow rate that exceeds the nitrogen loading limitations.

**MOUNDING** Raising the natural elevation or grade of the ground to cover the components of a sewage disposal system, and/or to meet the vertical distance requirements above groundwater.

**NITROGEN LOADING LIMITATIONS** The 440 gallons per day per acre nitrogen loading limitations for design of septic systems in Nitrogen Sensitive Areas as designated in Title 5.

**REPAIR** To restore to the original condition in the original location by replacing and/or putting together what is damaged or broken.

**UPGRADE** To alter in such a fashion as to improve performance over that of the system as originally installed.

**WATER COURSE** A water course shall be defined as a river or spring; a natural channel in which water flows regularly or intermittently; a wetland, vernal pool, lake, pond, or dam into which, or from which, water flows.

#### **400 REGULATORY PROCESS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 401 Any project which creates additional bedrooms or commercial space through new construction or by alteration of an existing structure and changes of use of an existing property, must meet both the State Sanitary Code and Wellfleet Board of Health Regulations.
- 402 Plans prepared by a Registered Engineer or by a Registered Sanitarian are required by the Board for consideration of any project or change requiring Board approval.
- 403 Board of Health Well and Disposal Works (Septic System) Construction Permits shall expire three (3) years from date of final variance approval. Any approvals of variances granted by the Wellfleet Board of Health are deemed a contract under which the applicant must perform the upgrade or new construction as proposed. Any failure to execute the plan timely under the Disposal Works (Septic System) Construction Permit will result in the expiration of variance approvals and enforcement notice to file a revised plan compliant with any new Title 5 or local regulations that have come into effect.
- 404 The following regulation shall apply to all proposed projects comprising six or more dwelling units (existing and/or new) such as hotels, motels, cluster developments, planned developments, subdivisions, nursing homes, and hospitals. Any developer who seeks to discharge septic system effluent to the groundwater from any of the above types of development shall be required to obtain Board approval to do so. A preliminary discussion with the Board of health is recommended to define the specific information needed by the Board in each situation. In the application for Board approval, the information listed below will generally be required:
- A. A water table contour map and geological description of the area in the vicinity of the proposed project, depicting groundwater flow direction.

- B. Projections of nitrogen levels in down-gradient groundwater and delineation of effluent plumes.
- C. Projection of the impact on down-gradient water supplies (both present and potential), lakes, ponds, marshlands, estuaries and coastal waters.
- D. Appropriate water quality information.

The information provided to the Board must demonstrate that no significant impact to down-gradient water resources will occur as a result of the project.

## **500 WATER WELLS**

- 501 A water supply considered acceptable in quality and quantity by the Board of Health is a prerequisite for any project or change requiring Board of Health permission. A water supply shall be deemed acceptable in quality if sodium is not greater than 2000mg/l, nitrate/nitrogen is not greater than 10 mg/l, coliform does not exceed zero and all EPA standards are met.
- 502 If a previous water test is on file and has tested above the allowable limits the Board reserves the right to require a retest at its discretion.
- 503 No well is to be installed without prior issuance of a Board of Health permit. Replacement wells are not excepted. Within seven days after installation, a "Well Construction Record" is to be submitted by the installer to the Board of Health on the form provided.
- 504 Private water wells are to be located on the property served.
- 505 Water wells for new construction of private residences are to be located at least 100 feet from any cesspool or septic system leach field, and at least 50 feet from any catch basin serving a paved area. To the extent feasible, replacement wells are to meet the same criteria. In any event, replacement wells are not to be located closer to the nearest cesspool or septic system leach field than the well being replaced.
- 506 For new construction, water well completion reports must be provided to the Board before a sewage disposal works permit will be issued. Such reports will locate the well installation accurately on the plot plan of the property, and describe the physical characteristics of the well, for example, by providing a well log.
- 507 Only well-drillers licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may install wells which are to provide water for drinking purposes, irrigation or monitoring.
- 508 A water sample shall be obtained from all drinking wells requiring a permit for analysis by the Barnstable County Health Department or by a State-certified laboratory. The testing shall include as a minimum (1) coliform count, (2) pH, (3) conductivity, (4) iron content, (5) nitrate content, and (6) sodium content. A copy of the analysis report shall be furnished to the Board of Health.

509 Whereas there is evidence that the groundwater in the vicinity of the Wellfleet Landfill contains substances which are injurious to human health in the judgment of the Board of Health, and whereas the Board of Health has a responsibility to protect the health of those who obtain their domestic water supplies from such ground waters, and whereas the Cole's Neck public water supply has been installed whose primary purpose is to prevent any potential health problems arising from the use of such waters, therefore it is prohibited to install and/or use drinking water wells in the Cole's Neck Area to be Served (ATBS) as defined in the Cole's Neck Regulations as adopted November 26, 1990 and amended May 7, 1991 and September 24, 2001.

- 510 a) When a property is sold or transferred, a standard water quality test is required by the seller, and a copy is to be provided to the Health Department.  
b) Prior to Board of Health signoff on any Certificate of Occupancy, a standard water quality test taken within one year of the request for Certificate of Occupancy and meeting the Federal Drinking Water Standards is required.  
c) Prior to issuance of any Disposal Works Construction Permit, a standard water quality test taken within one year and meeting the Federal Drinking Water Standards is required.

511 It shall be unlawful for a commercial entity to employ the use of non-recycled water-dependent displays of merchandise.

512 Bottled water permits will not be allowed for new food service establishments.

## **600 SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS**

601 Sewage Disposal Works Construction Permits will be issued when the proposed system fully meets the physical (i.e. hardware and spatial) requirements of the State Sanitary Code (Title 5), and the following specific requirements of the Wellfleet Board of Health:

- A. The leaching field must be at least 100 feet, and the septic tank at least 50 feet, from any water-course.
- B. The septic tank and the leaching facility must be at least 1 foot below the existing natural grade when in the 100 year floodplain.
- C. A minimum 1500 gallon septic tank is required for single family dwelling units.
- D. Inspection and approval by the Board of Health or its Agent at the time of installation is required by the Board.
- E. The applicant must provide evidence that the property to be served by the system has an acceptable water supply before a Sewage Disposal Works Construction Permit will be issued.

602 "As-Built" cards must be filed with the Health Agent prior to final inspection of the system by the contractor. The Board of Health requires certified As-Built plans by the engineer. As-Built cards or plans must accurately depict the installed locations of system components.

603 Unless inspected previously within two years under the terms of this regulation, the on-site sewage disposal system shall be inspected by a licensed inspector approved by the Board of Health whenever a property containing such a system is transferred by sale, exchange, gift, or bequest to a new ownership, or placed into or taken out of a form of trust ownership. A copy of the report of such inspection is to be furnished to the Health Department by the prospective new owner prior to the closing, and where an upgrade is required, an agreement specifying the timeframe shall be signed.

Where there is an application for a building permit proposing renovation, replacement or alteration of habitable or accessory area, footprint, or making improvements to structure beyond minimal expense, a septic inspection will be required to determine if an upgrade is needed. A copy of the report of such inspection is to be furnished to the Health Department by the permit applicant prior to the Health Agent's approval for any building permit. Exemptions from this provision are involuntary repairs necessary to maintain structural integrity or minimum standards of habitation, such as framing, window and roofing repairs / replacements or evidence in Health Department files that the septic system was installed within the past ten years, according to the date of the building permit.

The Health Department shall promptly evaluate all such inspection reports received and determine whether or not it requires, within six (6) months from the date of closing or within two years from the date of issuance of any building permit, an upgrade of said disposal system to meet Title 5 and Town regulations to the extent feasible. A system that passes inspection shall be deemed to have met the standards of Title 5 that were in place when the system was permitted, with the exclusion of vertical separation to groundwater standards that may have existed prior to the 1978 version of the Title 5 code.

In making its determination, the Health Department and the Board of Health shall consider the following:

- (1) vertical separation between the bottom of the leaching facility and adjusted observed groundwater meets the minimum of 4 feet for existing 1978 code systems and 5 feet for 1995 code systems,
- (2) setbacks to septic systems and wells in the neighborhood,
- (3) setbacks to wetlands and local requirements for denitrification,
- (4) evidence of overflow, hydraulic loading, breakout, filling, or a deviation from the approved plan,
- (6) pumping records,
- (7) leaching capacity of existing systems relative to potential need.

This regulation shall not be effective at the conveyance or device of the property to the surviving spouse or, in the case of joint ownership, if the property is conveyed to one of the original owners.

Under these local regulations, a cesspool system serving any property shall be defined as "failed" and must be upgraded to meet Title 5 standards within 6 months of property transfers of any device, and within two years of the issuance of a building permit, or any self-identification associated with a septic inspection.

Systems that have been previously determined to be failed and are under enforcement from the Board of Health must be upgraded prior to property transfer or money to accommodate such upgrade shall be placed into an escrow account. The Board of Health must be provided written evidence of such account. The upgrade must take place within 30 days of property transfer.

- 604 The addition or application of any chemical or biological agent for the purpose of cleansing or rejuvenating on-site cesspools or septic systems is prohibited except where approved by the DEP.
- 605 Systems judged by the Health Agent to have failed must be upgraded to meet existing State and local requirements. Systems that are a threat to the public health must be repaired immediately.
- 606 Waterless toilets may be permitted by the Board of Health for temporary use under special circumstances. Use of permanent waterless toilets shall be governed by the State Sanitary Code.
- 607 The use of a nitrogen reducing system is required when there is a variance to the required 100 feet separation between a drinking water supply well and a soil absorption system, or when a soil absorption system is located less than 100 feet from a salt marsh or any marine surface water.

Variances to this section may take into account the following mitigating factors: direction of groundwater flow, topography, soil conditions, well depths, water quantity/availability, water quality of the locus and surrounding lots, and feasible location of structure and septic system.

Any property served by an innovative/alternative system, or recirculating sand filter system approved by the Board of Health shall have notice of the presence of this system recorded on the property deed at Barnstable County Registry of Deeds.

- 608 In order to specifically apply the nitrogen loading limitations of 310 CMR 15.214(1) to land area available for recharge, the Board of Health shall only consider “upland” in order to calculate nitrogen loading limitations. This regulation shall apply in cases where the property extends into salt marshes, filled wetlands and land subject to tidal action.
- 609 Tight tanks will not be permitted when it is feasible to site and construct a Title 5 compliant upgrade for a seasonal or year round residential structure. Tight tanks will only be permitted when the Board of Health determines that a sufficiently compliant Title 5 system is not feasible due to excessive variances from state and local regulation.
- 610 As allowed under M.G.L. Ch. 111 sec. 31, the Board of Health of the Town of Wellfleet hereby requires that owners and operators of all innovative/alternative sewage treatment technologies and all systems where the soil absorption system is designed for pressure distribution of effluent must report the results of all operation, maintenance, and monitoring activities to Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment. Such



reporting must be performed in the manner specified by Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment and must occur within 30 days after each maintenance or monitoring event. Further, when a system operator performs a system inspection and finds that a sewage treatment technology has malfunctioning components which have compromised the system's ability to treat sewage as designed, the operator shall report on the system's status and any planned corrective actions to the Board of Health and Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment within 48 hours of inspection.

## **700 UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS**

Underground tanks used for the storage of gasoline, fuel oil, diesel oil, kerosene, antifreeze, chemicals and other toxic liquids represent a major threat of contamination to the groundwater. The owner of a storage tank that leaks or overflows, and the owner of the property on which it is located, are responsible for cost of decontamination and are potentially liable for any damages resulting from such occurrences. These costs can be very substantial. It is the intent of these regulations to minimize the threat of groundwater contamination from underground storage tanks. Any person having first knowledge of significant leaks or spills of the above-mentioned liquids is required to report the matter immediately to the Board of Health. Guidelines, which are part of these regulations, are available from the Board of Health for reference by persons affected by these regulations. These guidelines will be used by the Board in administering these regulations and are based on the Barnstable County Health and Environmental Department Model Underground Storage Tank Regulations and associated backup material.

- 701 Owners of any such underground storage tank on their property, the primary purpose of which is to serve the needs of a private residence or business, are required to remove said tank(s) by December 31, 1997.
- 702 Installation of underground gasoline, fuel and other chemical storage tanks on residential sites is prohibited.
- 703 Such underground storage tanks, not regulated in 701, are subject to the following regulations:
- A. They must be registered with the Board of Health when installed or replaced.
  - B. They may be installed only if secondary confinement and an approved in-tank or interstitial space monitoring system is provided.
  - C. They must be tested 15 years after installation and annually beginning with the 20<sup>th</sup> year after installation. Test procedures are to conform to 527 CMR 9.18 (7) and be approved by the State Fire Marshal.
  - D. They may not be installed any closer than 800 feet from a public or community water supply.
- 704 No commercial or residential storage tanks may be removed without first obtaining an Underground Storage Tank Removal Permit for the Fire Department.

705 At time of property transfer all above ground tanks ( any tank used to store fuel oil for the purpose of heating) shall be required to be replaced with double walled fuel oil storage tanks or shall be required to provide 110% containment capacity to prevent contamination from leaks that may occur. Exterior fuel oil storage tanks must be covered with substantial impermeable construction material to prevent water accumulation within containment in such a way that it satisfies the Board of Health and the Fire Department. The area beneath the exterior tank shall be a 4 inch thick continuous concrete slab. All above ground elements of a fuel storage system shall be maintained free of leaks and visible rust. (Effective 9/22/06)

706 All new construction where above ground fuel storage tanks are installed (inside & outside) shall be required to provide a double walled fuel oil storage tank or shall be required to provide 110% containment capacity to prevent contamination from leaks that may occur. Exterior fuel oil storage tanks must be covered with substantial impermeable construction material to prevent water accumulation within containment in such a way that it satisfies the Board of Health and the Fire Department. The area beneath the exterior tank shall be a 4 inch thick continuous concrete slab. All above ground elements of a fuel storage system shall be maintained free of leaks and visible rust. (Effective 9/22/06)

## **800 SWIMMING POOLS**

801 Installation of an in-ground pool or a pool under permanent cover requires permission of the Board of Health. In general, the Board will require plans to scale showing the exact location of the pool relative to buildings, property lines, and other permanent features. The setbacks and clearances therefore must be adequate in the opinion of the Board, considering the circumstances of each individual situation. New pool installations are to include drywells for use when the pool is drained.

802 Access to residential pools shall be controlled through fencing, locking gates, landscaping, etc. in order to prevent access by the general public. Commercial pools are regulated by the state.

803 When emptying the pool, water shall be drained into an installed drywell, or disposed of in a manner approved by the Board prior to the pool being filled.

804 An annual operating permit from the Board of Health is required for non-residential pools, i.e. those associated with hotels, motels, lodging houses, clubs and other commercial enterprises, whether for profit or not. Depending on the circumstances of the individual case, conditions may be attached to the permit which will impose operating procedures such as cleaning, filter changing, water purification, or testing, and other measures intended to guard public health and safety.

## **900 FARM ANIMALS**

In view of Wellfleet's intent at remaining a rural town (per Article 54, voted at the April 1987 Town Meeting), the keeping of farm animals is allowed when and as permitted by

the Board of Health at sites which meet zoning requirements. Conditions may be attached by the Board to any permit issued, which will take into consideration and/or regulate the following:

- A. The kind and number of animals to be kept.
- B. The intensity of development at the site of keeping.
- C. The potential for nuisance factors to abutters and the general public.
- D. Environmental and water supply concerns, and any other factors which may relate to public health and safety.
- E. The animal(s) is to be properly fed, watered and sheltered; fencing is to be adequate so as to contain the animal; manure is to be removed from pens, stables and corrals on a daily basis; the animal and any compost pile are to be maintained so as to minimize odor, flies and rodents; manure is to be composted and no raw manure is to be used on the property; a plan for composting and storing manure is to be submitted to the Health Department for approval; the permit is subject to annual review. For permits granted to keep larger animals (horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, sheep, cattle, swine, or goats) in variance to the minimum lot size of three quarters of an acre, a standard well water test must be submitted annually, except where property is served by public water supply. Health Agent reserves the right to administer the water test in the event that potability is in question.

- 901 A new permit application shall be accompanied by a standard well water test taken within a year, except where property is served by public water supply. A permit to keep farm animals must be obtained from the Board of Health by any person wishing to keep one or more horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, sheep, cattle, swine, goats, or a gaggle or more than 3 fowl such as chickens, geese, turkeys, ducks and the like. The permit shall be issued for a period of up to one year and shall have conditions attached as deemed appropriate by the Board. Such permits may be renewed, but in granting a renewed permit, the Board reserves the right to add, modify, or remove any conditions(s) attached to the expiring permit as deemed appropriate in the Board's judgment such as requesting an updated well water test where inspection of site conditions vary significantly from approved plans on file in a manner that suggests inadequate well protection.
- 902 Permits to keep one or more horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, bovines or other large animal will be granted (1) only after a public hearing of which abutters will have been legally notified in advance, and (2) only if the applicant has by deed, easement, and/or lease at least three-quarters of an acre (30,000 square feet) under his/her control at the site of the keeping of said animal(s).
- 903 The annual Permit to Keep Farm Animals shall run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 904 Owners of horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, bovines or other large animals must provide the Board of Health with evidence that the animal(s) has/have been vaccinated in accordance with all State requirements, when application is made for a Permit to Keep Farm Animals or a renewal thereof.

905 To preclude pollution of shellfish and recreational waters, the keeping of domestic waterfowl within 100 feet of any body of water is prohibited. All domestic waterfowl shall be penned.

## **1000 SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION**

Authority: The following rules and regulations are promulgated under the authority of Chapter 111, Section 150A of the Massachusetts General Laws; the Wellfleet Charter, Chapter 5-7-2; and Wellfleet Board of Health Regulations.

Purpose: The Transfer Station is operated and maintained by the Town of Wellfleet for disposal of acceptable waste and recyclable materials which are generated within the boundaries of the Town of Wellfleet. All refuse and other wastes originating outside the Town's boundaries are prohibited.

### **1001 Access to the Solid Waste Transfer Station**

1. The Transfer Station will be open seven (7) days a week from the Friday before Memorial Day to the first Tuesday after Labor Day.
2. The Transfer Station will be open five (5) days a week starting the first Tuesday after Labor Day until the Friday before each Memorial Day. The Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday and Thursdays during this period.
3. The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Easter Sunday, Patriots Day, Fourth of July (unless it falls on a Saturday), Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
4. Hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
5. All vehicles must have a valid Wellfleet Transfer Station sticker. Visitors or residents who do not have a valid sticker may pay a one-time user fee. Proof of stay in Wellfleet may be required upon purchase.
6. All owners, operators, or persons in charge of a vehicle shall upon request submit evidence or answer questions concerning the origin or nature of the materials being disposed of.
7. In order to determine the acceptability and origin of such, all materials being disposed of at the Transfer Station are subject to inspection by the DPW Director or his/her designee.
8. Children under twelve years of age are not permitted out of vehicles at the Transfer Station.
9. Persons wishing to purchase a Transfer Station sticker during the last four months of the fiscal year shall be charged at the rate of \$15.00.

### **1002 Operation of the Transfer Station**

1. The Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) will take all necessary steps to ensure an effective level of facility operation and service.
2. The Director of the DPW or his/her designee may, at his/her discretion, close the Transfer Station when there is an equipment problem, or any other problem that makes transfer of refuse not feasible, or that may result in a health hazard.

3. All vehicles discharging refuse must stop at the gatehouse prior to unloading materials.
4. All materials accepted at the Transfer Station shall be placed in only those areas designated by the DPW Director or his/her designee.
5. The following items are prohibited from disposal into the refuse trailer, which is delivered to the SEMASS incinerator:
  - a) Brick, concrete, sheetrock, rock, sand, dirt, liquids of any composition, tree stumps or large timbers.
  - b) Metals, auto parts, motors, engines, closed containers, gas cans, tires and appliances. Not acceptable are any metal, glass, or plastic beverage containers that are returnable.
  - c) Any item over four feet long or twelve inches in diameter when rolled up or coiled, such as carpets, carpet pads, wood, snow fencing, chains, mattresses, etc.
  - d) Large bulky items over two feet square of any material.
  - e) Long stringy material such as magnetic tape, metal banding, or a dedicated load of rags.
  - f) Hazardous or toxic materials of any kind. This includes batteries, paint, solvents, motor oil, gasoline, explosives, sewage, chemicals, household cleaning fluids, hospital or biological waste, animal or human waste, nuclear or radioactive material, pesticides, fungicides, toxic materials utilized by artists and crafts people, etc.
  - g) Combustible or non-combustible fluids of any type or composition.

Any questions regarding disposal of these materials should be directed to the DPW Director or the Transfer Station attendants.

6. SEMASS will accept waste ordinarily referred to as “household waste.” A minor amount of non-combustible material such as metal or glass food containers may be present.
7. Waste material generated by food establishments, municipal, professional and commercial offices, retail stores, etc. and destined for SEMASS is limited to those items that are combustible and conform to the dimensional restrictions in Section 1002.5.
8. Any unacceptable material found in any load intended for the SEMASS trailer will result in the rejection of the entire load, and/or will be subject to fine in accordance with Section 7003 of Wellfleet Board of Health Regulations.
9. Ordinary household waste that is generated in a single-family dwelling will be accepted with a valid residential Wellfleet Transfer Station sticker and must be in specific Wellfleet designated “Pay as You Throw” bags (Effective 12/1/13). Residential waste may also be accepted with payment of a one time user fee.
10. Waste from hotels, motels, restaurants, and commercial businesses are required to be delivered in a vehicle with a commercial Wellfleet Transfer Station sticker. All waste material will be assessed a fee based on the net weight of the load or must be in Wellfleet designated “Pay as You Throw” bags (Effective 12/1/13).

11. All residential waste material brought into the Transfer Station by a commercial refuse hauler, licensed by the Wellfleet Board of Health, must be in a vehicle with a commercial Wellfleet Transfer Station sticker and must be in Wellfleet designated "Pay as You Throw" bags (Effective 1/1/14).
12. No unauthorized dumping, salvaging or foraging within the confines of the Transfer Station is permitted. This applies to residents of Wellfleet and to employees of the Town.
13. Restrictions on the use of the Transfer Station are as follows:
  - a) Brush will be accepted with a valid sticker and must be cut into sections no greater than six feet in length and two inches in diameter. No exceptions will be allowed. Brush will not be accepted from any landscapers, builders, or commercial entities.

NOTE: Permits for burning brush on one's own property may be obtained at a nominal fee from the Fire Department during the period of January through April.

  - b) No stumps or logs will be accepted.
  - c) No automobiles will be accepted.
  - d) Metal only will be accepted in the scrap metal pile.
  - e) Disposal of tires from garages, service stations, and commercial enterprises is prohibited.
  - f) Bulk metal, auto parts, motors, or engines are acceptable but subject to applicable fees.
  - g) Boats will be accepted with a valid sticker as follows: metal boats, maximum length 16 ft. Wooden or fiberglass boats must be broken down into pieces no greater than 6 ft. in length or width, and disposed of in the construction pile, with payment of applicable fee. All metal hardware must be removed.
  - h) It is the responsibility of the hauler to see that all items being discarded shall be cut to size and stripped of rubber, metal, oil or other materials and discarded in specified areas.
  - i) Used oils will be accepted from Wellfleet residents (no garages or commercial entities). Used oil may not be mixed with chemicals, solvents, paints, or toxic materials. See the attendant on duty for access to the waste oil tank and/or any questions.
  - j) Disposal of any waste originating from outside the Town of Wellfleet is strictly prohibited.
14. No refuse, household trash or large discarded items are to be left at the Transfer Station gate, or deposited on any road, wetland, or vacant property within the Town of Wellfleet. It is contrary to State law and to local bylaws and regulations to use any property other than the Transfer Station for the storage of refuse or discarded items of any size or type.

### 1003 Recycling

1. Refer to Attachment A for information regarding materials that must be recycled and how to prepare them for delivery to the Transfer Station.

2. Vehicles not having a valid Transfer Station sticker that are driven by residents, non-resident taxpayers, or visitors of Wellfleet will be admitted to the Recycling Area of the Transfer Station for the sole purpose of depositing acceptable items for recycling. This does not include access to the Swap Shop.
3. The Town will maintain a Swap Shop for the use of Wellfleet residents only. At all times, items to be left off at the Swap Shop are subject to approval of the attendant on duty. Items must be in at least fair and reusable condition. Appliances and other bulky items may be subject to the normal fee for those items. Proof of residency in Wellfleet will be required.
4. As a service to the community and to support recycling, the Transfer Station will provide space for a Salvation Army and/or Goodwill collection box.
5. An area at the Transfer Station will be provided for non-profit organizations to place bins for the collection of refundable beverage containers.

#### 1004 Construction and Demolition Waste

1. The Transfer Station will accept the following items for the construction & demolition area. These items will incur a separate fee (refer to current fee schedule), and a valid Transfer Station sticker is required.
  - a) Construction waste, including sheetrock, bricks, asphalt and wood shingles, windows, doors and scrap lumber which is cut into six-foot lengths.
  - b) Mattresses, box springs, sofas, chairs and other furniture, carpets.
  - c) Other bulky items subject to approval of the DPW Director and/or the attendant on duty.

1005 Stickers are valid from the first day of July until the last day of June of the succeeding year.

1. The Fee Schedule for the Wellfleet Transfer Station is to be reviewed annually, prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, by the Board of Health with input from the Director of the Department of Public Works.
2. Payment on billed accounts are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. After one week, an interest rate the same as the current rate charged by the Tax Collector may be applied to any unpaid balance. After fourteen (14) days of non-payment, the permit to use the Transfer Station will be suspended by the Health Agent with written notification to hauler and Board of Health; until past due payment has been made in full, including interest accrued.
3. Disputes involving disposal receipts must be made in writing to the Health Department and received within seven calendar days of dumping. If not disputed, all waste disposal fees will be presumed valid and payable within the normal billing period.
4. Delinquent payments may result in a Board of Health hearing to consider a prepayment requirement or revocation of license.

- 1006 If a dispute arises as to the interpretation, application or enforcement of any of the preceding regulations, then the Director of Public Works or his/her designee will adjudicate. If the dispute cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of both parties, a hearing with the Board of Health may be scheduled. Decisions of the Board of Health may only be disputed as a civil matter in a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 1007 Whoever violates for any reason any provision of these rules and regulations as defined in Sections 1001.0 through 1006.0 shall be punished by a fine in accordance with Section 7003 of the Wellfleet Board of Health Regulations.
- 1008 If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of these rules and regulations should be ruled invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of these rules and regulations, which shall remain in full force and effect; and to this end the provisions of these rules and regulations are hereby declared severable.

#### **1000A COMMERCIAL REFUSE COLLECTION**

##### **1001A**

All persons collecting refuse in Wellfleet providing subscription service to households otherwise eligible for the town's solid waste and recycling program must provide trash and recycling at one bundled price. Residents subscribing to private waste collection shall not have the option of paying for trash collection service only at a lower price.

#### **2000 RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF MASSAGE AND/OR MUSCULAR THERAPY**

2001 The following Rules and Regulations governing the licensing and practice of massage/muscular therapy and the operation of an establishment in which massage/muscular therapy is performed are promulgated under the authority of Chapter 111, Section 31 and Chapter 140, Sections 51-53 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

2002 "Massage or muscular therapist" shall mean any person who has been trained in the art of massage/muscular therapy and who has completed a program of instruction in massage/muscular therapy approved by the Massachusetts Board of Education.

2003 No person under the age of eighteen years shall be considered as qualified to be licensed as a massage/muscular therapist.

2004 "Massage/Muscular Therapy" shall mean a method of applying pressure on or friction against, rubbing, kneading, tapping, pounding or stroking parts of the body with the hands and arms; with or without the aid of other devices used manually or electrically activated, such as a vibrator, with or without supplementary aids such as the application of heat or cold, rubbing alcohol, liniments, oils, creams, lotions, powders, or similar preparations; for the purpose of reducing tension, stimulating circulation, and generally providing for an increase in a person's health and well-being.



2005 The practice of massage/muscular therapy shall exclude any procedures which puncture, pierce, or, in any manner, penetrate the epidermal layer; utilize high-frequency sound (ultra-sonic), or diathermic equipment.

2006 No person shall engage in the practice of massage/muscular therapy, or conduct an establishment for the giving of massage/muscular therapy, or advertise or hold himself/herself out as being engaged in the business/profession of massage/muscular therapy in the Town of Wellfleet without having received a license from the Wellfleet Board of Health.

2007 Any person desiring to practice massage/muscular therapy shall make written application on a form provided by the Wellfleet Board of Health and provide proof of insurance.

2008 a) The application for the original license must include a certified copy of proof of graduation from a school of massage or muscular therapy approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education,  
(b) or, proof of graduation from a school of massage or muscular therapy certified by the Board of Education in the state in which the school is located.  
(c) The applicant must show certification yearly that he or she is free of any communicable disease, as set forth by the Department of Public Health in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and evidence satisfactory to the Wellfleet Board of health of moral and physical fitness.

2009 The fee for a license to practice massage/muscular therapy shall be set by the Board of Health. This license is renewable on a yearly basis, on the first of January, and is not transferable.

2010 The fee for a license to operate an establishment for the giving of massage/muscular therapy shall be set by the Board of Health and shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. This license is not transferable.

2011 The licensing provisions of these regulations shall not apply to classes of individuals who, in the performance of their respective professions, may engage in massage/muscular therapy as defined in these Regulations and who are duly licensed to practice their respective professions by and in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or who are employed in institutions duly licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or coaches and athletic trainers acting within the scope of their employment by schools or educational institutions accredited by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

2012 Any establishment offering massage/muscular therapy shall apply for a license from the Wellfleet Board of Health on a form so provided. It is the responsibility of the licensee to apply for a renewal prior to the expiration of the existing license.

2013 The operating requirements for an establishment licensed to practice massage/muscular therapy shall adhere to the following operating requirements:

- (a) All rooms shall be well lighted, ventilated, and be maintained in an orderly and sanitary condition.

- (b) Adequate means shall be provided for the cleansing and sterilizing of all instruments and utensils and, where required, for the cleansing and sterilization of the skin or flesh of the patron undergoing therapy.
- (c) Robes, sheets, blankets, and pillowcases which come into direct contact with the skin of the patrons, and all towels and napkins, after being used and before being used again, shall be laundered in such a manner and under such conditions as to ensure effective sterilization.
- (d) No unsterilized part of a vibrator or other mechanical appliance, instrument or device shall be applied directly to the skin of the patron, but the part of the body being treated shall be covered with a clean towel or else the instrument shall be covered in a similar manner.
- (e) No sponge, or stick alum, nor any other article, lotion or powder likely to be unsterile or unsanitary shall be applied to the skin or to any cut or wound.
- (f) Disposable towels and coverings shall not be re-used. Soiled linens and disposable items shall be deposited in separate covered receptacles and shall be disposed of or laundered in an approved sanitary manner as often as necessary.
- (g) Any room used for the purpose of administering massage/muscular therapy must be dedicated to and for such use and must be situated adjacent to a bathroom containing an adequate supply of hot and cold running water.
- (h) Every person licensed to practice massage/muscular therapy shall thoroughly cleanse his/her hands by washing immediately before serving any patron.
- (i) No establishment licensed for the giving of massage/muscular therapy shall be kept open or operate except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. unless authorized in writing by the Wellfleet Board of Health.
- (j) Operating behind locked doors is held to be in violation hereunder. Any and all establishments licensed and operating under the authority of these Regulations shall not have any doors to any rooms, exits or entrances of said establishment locked or obstructed in any way so as to prevent free ingress or egress of persons.
- (k) Any establishment permitted to operate under authority of these Regulations shall post in a conspicuous place within such establishment a schedule of hours. The Health Officer shall be notified of such schedule of hours and of any changes in such schedule. Such establishment shall be open and accessible for inspection during business hours by agents of the Massachusetts Department of Health, or any member of the Wellfleet Police Department, the Fire Department, the Health Officer, or any member of the Town Licensing Authority as provided in MGL, Chapter 140, Section 52.
- (l) All persons in such establishment engaged in the practice of massage/muscular therapy shall hold a valid license from the Wellfleet Board of Health.
- (m) Every person licensed to practice massage/muscular therapy or to operate an establishment for the giving of massage/muscular therapy will be issued a certificate to that effect which will bear the signature of the licensee and the licensee shall have these certificates in his/her possession or posted on a wall, whichever is applicable, whenever or wherever he/she may be engaged in the practice of massage/muscular therapy, and when requested, shall show such certificate to any legally authorized public official.

2014 Massage/Muscular Therapy may be administered on request to ill, infirm, disabled persons or persons without transportation at their legal residence within the Town of Wellfleet by a therapist licensed to practice massage/muscular therapy in the Town of Wellfleet and who holds a license to do business in the Town of Wellfleet.

2015 Massage/Muscular Therapy, when administered outside of a duly licensed establishment within the Town of Wellfleet, is subject to the same rules and regulations that apply to the practice of massage/muscular therapy in an establishment holding a license to do business in the Town of Wellfleet.

2016 Whoever violates for any reason any provision of the Rules and Regulations defined in paragraphs numbered 3200 through 2015 shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment for not more than six months or both in accordance with MGL, Chapter 140, Section 53.

2017 If any action, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of these Rules and Regulations should be ruled invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of these Regulations, which shall remain in full force and effect; and, to this end, the provisions of these Regulations are hereby declared severable.

## **2000A RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BODY ART ESTABLISHMENTS AND PRACTITIONERS**

### **2001A. Purpose**

Whereas body art is becoming prevalent and popular throughout the Commonwealth; and whereas knowledge and practice of universal precautions, sanitation, personal hygiene, sterilization and aftercare requirements on the part of the practitioner should be demonstrated to prevent the transmission of disease or injury to the client and/or practitioner; now, therefore the Board of Health of the Town of Wellfleet passes these rules and regulations for the practice of body art in the Town of Wellfleet as part of our mission to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

### **2002A. Authority**

These regulations are promulgated under the authority granted to the Board of Health under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 111, section 31.

### **2003A. Definitions**

Aftercare means written instructions given to the client, specific to the body art procedure(s) rendered, about caring for the body art and surrounding area, including information about when to seek medical treatment, if necessary.

Applicant means any person who applies to the Board of Health for either a body art establishment permit or practitioner permit.

Autoclave means an apparatus for sterilization utilizing steam pressure at a specific temperature over a period of time.

Autoclaving means a process which results in the destruction of all forms of microbial life, including highly resistant spores, by the use of an autoclave for a minimum of thirty minutes at 20 pounds of pressure (PSI) at a temperature of 270 degrees Fahrenheit.

Bloodborne Pathogens Standard means OSHA Guidelines contained in 29 CFR 1910.1030, entitled "Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens."

Board of Health or Board means the Board of Health that has jurisdiction in the community in which a body art establishment is located including the Board or officer having like powers and duties in towns where there is no Board of Health.

Body Art means the practice of physical body adornment by permitted establishments and practitioners using, but not limited to, the following techniques: body piercing, tattooing, cosmetic tattooing, branding, and scarification. This definition does not include practices that are considered medical procedures by the Board of Registration in Medicine, such as implants under the skin, which procedures are prohibited.

Body Art Establishment or Establishment means a location, place, or business that has been granted a permit by the Board, whether public or private, where the practices of body art are performed, whether or not for profit.

Body Art Practitioner or Practitioner means a specifically identified individual who has been granted a permit by the Board to perform body art in an establishment that has been granted a permit by the Board.

Body Piercing means puncturing or penetrating the skin of a client with pre-sterilized single-use needles and the insertion of pre-sterilized jewelry or other adornment into the opening. This definition excludes piercing of the earlobe with a pre-sterilized single-use stud-and-clasp system manufactured exclusively for ear-piercing.

Braiding means the cutting of strips of skin of a person, which strips are then to be intertwined with one another and placed onto such person so as to cause or allow the incised and interwoven strips of skin to heal in such intertwined condition.

Branding means inducing a pattern of scar tissue by use of a heated material (usually metal) to the skin, making a serious burn, which eventually becomes a scar.

Cleaning area means the area in a Body Art Establishment used in the sterilization, sanitation or other cleaning of instruments or other equipment used for the practice of body art.

Client means a member of the public who requests a body art procedure at a body art establishment.

Contaminated Waste means waste as defined in 105 CMR 480.000: Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste, State Sanitary Code, Chapter VIII and/or 29 Code of Federal Regulation part 1910.1030. This includes any liquid or semi-liquid blood or other potentially infectious material; contaminated items that would release blood or other potentially infectious material in a liquid or semi-liquid state if compressed; items on which there is dried blood or other potentially infectious material and which are capable of releasing these materials during handling; sharps and any wastes containing blood or other potentially infectious materials.

Cosmetic Tattooing, also known as permanent cosmetics, micro pigment implantation or dermal pigmentation, means the implantation of permanent pigment around the eyes, lips and cheeks of the face and hair imitation.

Disinfectant means a product registered as a disinfectant by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Disinfection means the destruction of disease-causing microorganisms on inanimate objects or surfaces, thereby rendering these objects safe for use or handling.

Ear piercing means the puncturing of the lobe of the ear with a pre-sterilized single-use stud-and-clasp ear-piercing system following the manufacturer's instructions.

Equipment means all machinery, including fixtures, containers, vessels, tools, devices, implements, furniture, display and storage areas, sinks, and all other apparatus and appurtenances used in connection with the operation of a body art establishment.

Exposure means an event whereby there is an eye, mouth or other mucous membrane, non-intact skin or parental contact with the blood or bodily fluids of another person or contact of an eye, mouth or other mucous membrane, non-intact skin or parenteral contact with other potentially infectious matter.

Hand Sink means a lavatory equipped with hot and cold running water under pressure, used solely for washing hands, arms, or other portions of the body.

Hot water means water that attains and maintains a temperature 110°-130°F.

Instruments Used for Body Art means hand pieces, needles, needle bars, and other instruments that may come in contact with a client's body or may be exposed to bodily fluids during any body art procedure.

Invasive means entry into the client's body either by incision or insertion of any instruments into or through the skin or mucosa, or by any other means intended to puncture, break, or otherwise compromise the skin or mucosa.

Jewelry means any ornament inserted into a newly pierced area, which must be made of surgical implant-grade stainless steel; solid 14k or 18k white or yellow gold, niobium, titanium, or platinum; or a dense, low-porosity plastic, which is free of nicks, scratches, or irregular surfaces and has been properly sterilized prior to use.

Light colored means a light reflectance value of 70 percent or greater.

Minor means any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.

Mobile Body Art Establishment means any trailer, truck, car, van, camper or other motorized or non-motorized vehicle, a shed, tent, movable structure, bar, home or other facility wherein, or concert, fair, party or other event whereat one desires to or actually does conduct body art procedures.

Operator means any person who individually, or jointly or severally with others, owns, or controls an establishment, but is not a body art practitioner.

Permit means Board approval in writing to either (1) operate a body art establishment or (2) operate as a body art practitioner within a body art establishment. Board approval shall be granted solely for the practice of body art pursuant to these regulations. Said permit is exclusive of the establishment's compliance with other licensing or permitting requirements that may exist within the Board's jurisdiction.

Person means an individual, any form of business or social organization or any other non-governmental legal entity, including but not limited to corporations, partnerships, limited-liability companies, associations, trusts or unincorporated organizations.

Physician means an individual licensed as a qualified physician by the Board of Registration in Medicine pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112 § 2.

Procedure surface means any surface of an inanimate object that contacts the client's unclothed body during a body art procedure, skin preparation of the area adjacent to and including the body art procedure, or any associated work area which may require sanitizing.

Sanitary means clean and free of agents of infection or disease.

Sanitize means the application of a U.S. EPA registered sanitizer on a cleaned surface in accordance with the label instructions.

Scarification means altering skin texture by cutting the skin and controlling the body's healing process in order to produce wounds, which result in permanently raised wheals or bumps known as keloids.

Sharps means any object, sterile or contaminated, that may intentionally or accidentally cut or penetrate the skin or mucosa, including, but not limited to, needle devices, lancets, scalpel blades, razor blades, and broken glass.

Sharps Container means a puncture-resistant, leak-proof container that can be closed for handling, storage, transportation, and disposal and that is labeled with the International Biohazard Symbol.

Single Use Items means products or items that are intended for one-time, one-person use and are disposed of after use on each client, including, but not limited to, cotton swabs or balls, tissues or paper products, paper or plastic cups, gauze and sanitary coverings, razors, piercing needles, scalpel blades, stencils, ink cups, and protective gloves.

Sterilize means the use of a physical or chemical procedure to destroy all microbial life including highly resistant bacterial endospores.

Student/Apprentice Practitioner shall mean any person having accumulated fewer than two (2) years actual experience in the practice of performing body art activities but is in compliance with section (E)(2)(a) & (b) & (E)(3).

Tattoo means the indelible mark, figure or decorative design introduced by insertion of dyes or pigments into or under the subcutaneous portion of the skin.

Tattooing means any method of placing ink or other pigment into or under the skin or mucosa by the aid of needles or any other instrument used to puncture the skin, resulting in permanent coloration of the skin or mucosa. This term includes all forms of cosmetic tattooing.

Temporary Body Art Establishment means the same as Mobile Body Art Establishment.

Three dimensional "3D" Body Art or Beading or Implantation means the form of body art consisting of or requiring the placement, injection or insertion of an object, device or other thing made of matters such as steel, titanium, rubber, latex, plastic, glass or other inert materials, beneath the surface of the skin of a person. This term does not include Body Piercing.

Ultrasonic Cleaning Unit means a unit approved by the Board, physically large enough to fully submerge instruments in liquid, which removes all foreign matter from the instruments by means of high frequency oscillations transmitted through the contained liquid.

Universal Precautions means a set of guidelines and controls, published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as "Guidelines for Prevention of Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) to Health-Care and Public-Safety Workers" in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), June 23, 1989, Vol.38 No. S-6, and as "Recommendations for Preventing Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Hepatitis B Virus to Patients During Exposure-Prone Invasive Procedures" in MMWR, July 12, 1991, Vol.40, No. RR-8. This method of infection control requires the employer and the employee to assume that all human blood and specified human body fluids are infectious for HIV, HBV, and other blood pathogens. Precautions include hand washing; gloving; personal

protective equipment; injury prevention; and proper handling and disposal of needles, other sharp instruments, and blood and body fluid-contaminated products.

#### 2004A. Exemptions

(A) Physicians licensed in accordance with M.G.L. c. 112 § 2 who perform body art procedures as part of patient treatment are exempt from these regulations.

(B) Individuals who pierce only the lobe of the ear with a pre-sterilized single-use stud-and-clasp ear-piercing system are exempt from these regulations.

#### 2005A. Restrictions

(A) No tattooing, piercing of genitalia, branding or scarification shall be performed on a person under the age of 18.

(B) Body piercing, other than piercing the genitalia, may be performed on a person under the age of 18 provided that the person is accompanied by a properly identified parent, legal custodial parent or legal guardian who has signed a form consenting to such procedure. Properly identified shall mean a valid photo identification of the adult and a birth certificate of the minor.

(C) The following body piercings are hereby prohibited: piercing of the uvula; piercing of the tracheal area; piercing of the neck; piercing of the ankle; piercing between the ribs or vertebrae; piercing of the web area of the hand or foot; piercing of the lingual frenulum (tongue web); piercing of the clitoris; any form of chest or deep muscle piercings, excluding the nipple; piercing of the anus; piercing of an eyelid, whether top or bottom; piercing of the gums; piercing or skewering of a testicle; so called “deep” piercing of the penis – meaning piercing through the shaft of the penis, or “trans-penis” piercing in any area from the corona glandis to the pubic bone; so called “deep” piercing of the scrotum – meaning piercing through the scrotum, or “transcrotal” piercing; so called “deep” piercing of the vagina.

(D) The following practices hereby prohibited unless performed by a medical doctor licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: tongue splitting; braiding; three dimensional/beading/implementation; tooth filing/fracturing/removal/tattooing; cartilage modification; amputation; genital modification; introduction of saline or other liquids.

#### 2006A. Operation of Body Art Establishments

Unless otherwise ordered or approved by the Board, each body art establishment shall be constructed, operated and maintained to meet the following minimum requirements:

##### (A) Physical Plant

(1) Walls, floors, ceilings, and procedure surfaces shall be smooth, durable, free of open holes or cracks, light-colored, washable, and in good repair. Walls, floors, and ceilings shall be maintained in a clean condition. All procedure surfaces, including client chairs/benches, shall be of such construction as to be easily cleaned and sanitized after each client.

- (2) Solid partitions or walls extending from floor to ceiling shall separate the establishment's space from any other room used for human habitation, any food establishment or room where food is prepared, any hair salon, any retail sales, or any other such activity that may cause potential contamination of work surfaces.
- (3) The establishment shall take all measures necessary to ensure against the presence or breeding of insects, vermin, and rodents within the establishment.
- (4) Each operator area shall have a minimum of 45 square feet of floor space for each practitioner. Each establishment shall have an area that may be screened from public view for clients requesting privacy. Multiple body art stations shall be separated by dividers or a partition at a minimum.
- (5) The establishment shall be well ventilated and provided with an artificial light source equivalent to at least 20 foot candles 3 feet off the floor, except that at least 100 foot candles shall be provided at the level where the body art procedure is being performed where instruments and sharps are assembled and all cleaning areas.
- (6) All electrical outlets in operator areas and cleaning areas shall be equipped with approved ground fault (GFCI) protected receptacles.
- (7) A separate, readily accessible hand sink with hot and cold running water under pressure, preferably equipped with wrist- or foot-operated controls and supplied with liquid soap, and disposable paper towels stored in fixed dispensers shall be readily accessible within the establishment. Each operator area shall have a hand sink.
- (8) There shall be a sharps container in each operator area and each cleaning area.
- (9) There shall be a minimum of one toilet room containing a toilet and sink. The toilet room shall be provided with toilet paper, liquid hand soap and paper towels stored in a fixed dispenser. A body art establishment permanently located within a retail shopping center, or similar setting housing multiple operations within one enclosed structure having shared entrance and exit points, shall not be required to provide a separate toilet room within such body art establishment if Board-approved toilet facilities are located in the retail shopping center within 300 feet of the body art establishment so as to be readily accessible to any client or practitioner.
- (10) The public water supply entering a body art establishment shall be protected by a testable, reduced pressure back flow preventor installed in accordance with 142 Code of Massachusetts Regulation 248, as amended from time to time.
- (11) At least one covered, foot operated waste receptacle shall be provided in each operator area and each toilet room. Receptacles in the operator area shall be emptied daily. Solid waste shall be stored in covered, leakproof, rodent-resistant containers and shall be removed from the premises at least weekly.
- (12) At least one janitorial sink shall be provided in each body art establishment for use in cleaning the establishment and proper disposal of non-contaminated liquid wastes in accordance with all applicable Federal, state



and local laws. Said sink shall be of adequate size equipped with hot and cold running water under pressure and permit the cleaning of the establishment and any equipment used for cleaning.

- (13) All instruments and supplies shall be stored in clean, dry, and covered containers. Containers shall be kept in a secure area specifically dedicated to the storage of all instruments and supplies.
- (14) The establishment shall have a cleaning area. Every cleaning area shall have an area for the placement of an autoclave or other sterilization unit located or positioned a minimum of 36 inches from the required ultrasonic cleaning unit.
- (15) The establishment shall have a customer waiting area, exclusive and separate from any workstation, instrument storage area, cleaning area or any other area in the body art establishment used for body art activity.
- (16) No animals of any kind shall be allowed in a body art establishment except service animals used by persons with disabilities (e.g., Seeing Eye dogs). Fish aquariums shall be allowed in waiting rooms and nonprocedural areas.
- (17) Smoking, eating, or drinking is prohibited in the area where body art is performed, with the exception of non-alcoholic fluids being offered to a client during or after a body art procedure.

(B) Requirements for Single Use Items Including Inks, Dyes and Pigments

- (1) Single-use items shall not be used on more than one client for any reason. After use, all single-use sharps shall be immediately disposed of in approved sharps containers pursuant to 105 CMR 480.000.
- (2) All products applied to the skin, such as but not limited to body art stencils, applicators, gauze and razors, shall be single use and disposable.
- (3) Hollow bore needles or needles with cannula shall not be reused.
- (4) All inks, dyes, pigments, solid core needles, and equipment shall be specifically manufactured for performing body art procedures and shall be used according to manufacturer's instructions.
- (5) Inks, dyes or pigments may be mixed and may only be diluted with water from an approved potable source. Immediately before a tattoo is applied, the quantity of the dye to be used shall be transferred from the dye bottle and placed into single-use paper cups or plastic cups. Upon completion of the tattoo, these single-use cups or caps and their contents shall be discarded.

(C) Sanitation and Sterilization Measures and Procedures

- (1) All non-disposable instruments used for body art, including all reusable solid core needles, pins and stylets, shall be cleaned thoroughly after each use by scrubbing with an appropriate soap or disinfectant solution and hot water, (to remove blood and tissue residue), and shall be placed in an ultrasonic unit sold for cleaning purposes under approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and operated in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

- (2) After being cleaned, all non-disposable instruments used for body art shall be packed individually in sterilizer packs and subsequently sterilized in a steam autoclave sold for medical sterilization purposes under approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. All sterilizer packs shall contain either a sterilizer indicator or internal temperature indicator. Sterilizer packs must be dated with an expiration date not to exceed six (6) months.
- (3) The autoclave shall be used, cleaned, and maintained according to manufacturer's instruction. A copy of the manufacturer's recommended procedures for the operation of the autoclave must be available for inspection by the Board. Autoclaves shall be located away from workstations or areas frequented by the public.
- (4) Each holder of a permit to operate a body art establishment shall demonstrate that the autoclave used is capable of attaining sterilization by monthly spore destruction tests. These tests shall be verified through an independent laboratory. The permit shall not be issued or renewed until documentation of the autoclave's ability to destroy spores is received by the Board. These test records shall be retained by the operator for a period of three (3) years and made available to the Board upon request.
- (5) All instruments used for body art procedures shall remain stored in sterile packages until just prior to the performance of a body art procedure. After sterilization, the instruments used in body art procedures shall be stored in a dry, clean cabinet or other tightly covered container reserved for the storage of such instruments.
- (6) Sterile instruments may not be used if the package has been breached or after the expiration date without first repackaging and resterilizing.
- (7) If the body art establishment uses only single-use, disposable instruments and products, and uses sterile supplies, an autoclave shall not be required.
- (8) When assembling instruments used for body art procedures, the operator shall wear disposable medical gloves and use medically recognized sterile techniques to ensure that the instruments and gloves are not contaminated.
- (9) Reusable cloth items shall be mechanically washed with detergent and mechanically dried after each use. The cloth items shall be stored in a dry, clean environment until used. Should such items become contaminated directly or indirectly with bodily fluids, the items shall be washed in accordance with standards applicable to hospitals and medical care facilities, at a temperature of 160°F or a temperature of 120°F with the use of chlorine disinfectant.

(D) Posting Requirements

The following shall be prominently displayed:

- (1) A Disclosure Statement, a model of which shall be available from the Board. A Disclosure Statement shall also be given to each client, advising him/her of the risks and possible consequences of body art procedures.
- (2) The name, address and phone number of the Wellfleet Board of Health.
- (3) An Emergency Plan, including:
  - (a) the event of an emergency;

- (b) a telephone in good working order shall be easily available and accessible to all employees and clients during all hours of operation; and
- (c) a sign at or adjacent to the telephone indicating the correct emergency telephone numbers.
- (4) An a plan for the purpose of contacting police, fire or emergency medical services in occupancy and use permit as issued by the local building official.
- (5) A current establishment permit.
- (6) Each practitioner's permit.

(E) Establishment Recordkeeping

The establishment shall maintain the following records in a secure place for a minimum of three (3) years, and such records shall be made available to the Board upon request:

- (1) Establishment information, which shall include:
  - (a) establishment name;
  - (b) hours of operation;
  - (c) owner's name and address;
  - (d) a complete description of all body art procedures performed;
  - (e) an inventory of all instruments and body jewelry, all sharps, and all inks used for any and all body art procedures, including names of manufacturers and serial or lot numbers, if applicable. Invoices or packing slips shall satisfy this requirement;
  - (f) Material Safety Data Sheet, when available, for each ink and dye used by the establishment;
  - (g) copies of waste hauler manifests
  - (h) copies of commercial biological monitoring tests
  - (i) a copy of these regulations.
- (2) Employee information, which shall include:
  - (a) full legal names and exact duties;
  - (b) date of birth;
  - (c) home address;
  - (d) home /work phone numbers;
  - (e) identification photograph;
  - (f) dates of employment;
  - (g) Hepatitis B vaccination status or declination notification;
  - (h) Training records
- (3) Client Information, which shall include:
  - (a) name;
  - (b) valid photo identification and date of birth;
  - (c) address of the client;
  - (d) date of the procedure;
  - (e) name of the practitioner who performed the procedure(s);
  - (f) description of procedure(s) performed and the location on the body;
  - (g) a signed consent form as specified by 7(D )(2); and,

- (h) if the client is a person under the age of 18, proof of parental or guardian identification, presence and consent including a copy of the photographic identification of the parent or guardian.

Client information shall be kept confidential at all times.

(4) Exposure Control Plan

Each establishment shall create, update, and comply with an Exposure Control Plan. The Plan shall be submitted to the Board for review so as to meet all of the requirements of OSHA regulations, to include, but not limited to, 29 Code of Federal Regulation 1910.1030 OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standards et seq, as amended from time to time. A copy of the Plan shall be maintained at the Body Art Establishment at all times and shall be made available to the Board upon request.

- (F) No person shall establish or operate a mobile or temporary Body Art Establishment.

2007A. Standards of Practice

Practitioners are required to comply with the following minimum health standards:

- (A) A practitioner shall perform all body art procedures in accordance with Universal Precautions set forth by the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- (B) A practitioner shall refuse service to any person who may be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- (C) Practitioners who use ear-piercing systems must conform to the manufacturers directions for use, and to applicable U.S. Food and Drug Administration requirements. No practitioner shall use an ear piercing system on any part of the client's body other than the lobe of the ear.
- (D) Health History and Client Informed Consent. Prior to performing a body art procedure on a client, the practitioner shall:
  - (1) Inform the client, verbally and in writing that the following health conditions may increase health risks associated with receiving a body art procedure:
    - (a) history of diabetes;
    - (b) history of hemophilia (bleeding);
    - (c) history of skin diseases, skin lesions, or skin sensitivities to soaps, disinfectants etc.;
    - (d) history of allergies or adverse reactions to pigments, dyes, or other sensitivities;
    - (e) history of epilepsy, seizures, fainting, or narcolepsy;
    - (f) use of medications such as anticoagulants, which thin the blood and/or interfere with blood clotting; and
    - (g) any other conditions such as hepatitis or HIV.
  - (2) Require that the client sign a form confirming that the above information was provided, that the client does not have a condition that prevents them from receiving body art, that the client consents to the performance of the

body art procedure and that the client has been given the aftercare instructions as required by section 7(K).

- (E) A practitioner shall maintain the highest degree of personal cleanliness, conform to best standard hygienic practices, and wear clean clothes when performing body art procedures. Before performing body art procedures, the practitioner must thoroughly wash their hands in hot running water with liquid soap, then rinse hands and dry with disposable paper towels. This shall be done as often as necessary to remove contaminants.
- (F) In performing body art procedures, a practitioner shall wear disposable single-use gloves. Gloves shall be changed if they become pierced, torn, or otherwise contaminated by contact with any unclean surfaces or objects or by contact with a third person. The gloves shall be discarded, at a minimum, after the completion of each procedure on an individual client, and hands shall be washed in accordance with section (E) before the next set of gloves is put on. Under no circumstances shall a single pair of gloves be used on more than one person. The use of disposable single-use gloves does not preclude or substitute for handwashing procedures as part of a good personal hygiene program.
- (G) The skin of the practitioner shall be free of rash or infection. No practitioner affected with boils, infected wounds, open sores, abrasions, weeping dermatological lesions or acute respiratory infection shall work in any area of a body art establishment in any capacity in which there is a likelihood that that person could contaminate body art equipment, supplies, or working surfaces with body substances or pathogenic organisms.
- (H) Any item or instrument used for body art that is contaminated during the procedure shall be discarded and replaced immediately with a new disposable item or a new sterilized instrument or item before the procedure resumes.
- (I) Preparation and care of a client's skin area must comply with the following:
  - (1) Any skin or mucosa surface to receive a body art procedure shall be free of rash or any visible infection.
  - (2) Before a body art procedure is performed, the immediate skin area and the areas of skin surrounding where body art procedure is to be placed shall be washed with soap and water or an approved surgical skin preparation. If shaving is necessary, single-use disposable razors or safety razors with single-service blades shall be used. Blades shall be discarded after each use, and reusable holders shall be cleaned and autoclaved after use. Following shaving, the skin and surrounding area shall be washed with soap and water. The washing pad shall be discarded after a single use.
  - (3) In the event of bleeding, all products used to stop the bleeding or to absorb blood shall be single use, and discarded immediately after use in appropriate covered containers, and disposed of in accordance with 105 CMR 480.000.
- (J) Petroleum jellies, soaps, and other products used in the application of stencils shall be dispensed and applied on the area to receive a body art procedure with sterile gauze or other sterile applicator to prevent contamination of the original container and its contents. The applicator or gauze shall be used once and then discarded.

- (K) The practitioner shall provide each client with verbal and written instructions on the aftercare of the body art site. The written instructions shall advise the client:
  - (1) on the proper cleansing of the area which received the body art;
  - (2) to consult a health care provider for:
    - (a) unexpected redness, tenderness or swelling at the site of the body art procedure;
    - (b) any rash;
    - (c) unexpected drainage at or from the site of the body art procedure; or
    - (d) a fever within 24 hours of the body art procedure; and
  - (3) of the address, and phone number of the establishment.

A copy shall be provided to the client. A model set of aftercare instructions shall be made available by the Board.

- (L) Contaminated waste shall be stored, treated and disposed in accordance with 105 CMR 480.000: Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waster, State Sanitary Code, Chapter VIII.

#### 2008A. Injury and/or Complication Reports

A written report of any injury, infection complication or disease as a result of a body art procedure, or complaint of injury, infection complication or disease, shall be forwarded by the operator to the Board which issued the permit, with a copy to the injured client within five working days of its occurrence or knowledge thereof. The report shall include:

- (A) the name of the affected client;
- (B) the name and location of the body art establishment involved;
- (C) the nature of the injury, infection complication or disease;
- (D) the name and address of the affected client's health care provider, if any;
- (E) any other information considered relevant to the situation.

#### 2009A. Complaints

- (A) The Board shall investigate complaints received about an establishment or practitioner's practices or acts, which may violate any provision of the Board's regulations.
- (B) If the Board finds that an investigation is not required because the alleged act or practice is not in violation of the Board's regulations, then the Board shall notify the complainant of this finding and the reasons on which it is based.
- (C) If the Board finds that an investigation is required, because the alleged act or practice may be in violation of the Board's regulations, the Board shall investigate and if a finding is made that the act or practice is in violation of the Board's regulations, then the Board shall apply whatever enforcement action is appropriate to remedy the situation and shall notify the complainant of its action in this manner.

#### 2010A. Application for Body Art Establishment Permit

- (A) No person may operate a body art establishment except with a valid permit from the Board.
- (B) Applications for a permit shall be made on forms prescribed by and available from the Board. An applicant shall submit all information required by the form and accompanying instructions. The term “application” as used herein shall include the original and renewal applications.
- (C) An establishment permit shall be valid from the date of issuance and shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which it was issued.
- (D) The Board shall require that the applicant provide, at a minimum, the following information in order to be issued an establishment permit:
  - (1) Name, address, and telephone number of:
    - (a) the body art establishment;
    - (b) the operator of the establishment; and
    - (c) the body art practitioner(s) working at the establishment;
  - (2) The manufacturer, model number, model year, and serial number, where applicable, of the autoclave used in the establishment;
  - (3) A signed and dated acknowledgment that the applicant has received, read and understood the requirements of the Board’s body art regulations;
  - (4) A drawing of the floor plan of the proposed establishment to scale for a plan review by the Board, as part of the permit application process; and,
  - (5) Exposure Report Plan
  - (6) Such additional information as the Board may reasonably require.
- (E) The annual fee for the Body Art Establishment Permit shall be \$600.00.
- (F) A permit for a body art establishment shall not be transferable from one place or person to another.

#### 2011A. Application for Body Art Practitioner Permit

- (A) No person shall practice body art or perform any body art procedure without first obtaining a practitioner permit from the Board. The annual fee for a practitioner permit shall be \$400.00.
- (B) A practitioner shall be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- (C) A practitioner permit shall be valid from the date of issuance and shall expire on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which it was issued.
- (D) Application for a practitioner permit shall include:
  - (1) name;
  - (2) date of birth;
  - (3) residence address;
  - (4) mailing address;
  - (5) phone number;
  - (6) place(s) of employment as a practitioner; and
  - (7) training and/or experience as set out in (E) below.
- (E) Practitioner Training and Experience
  - (1) In reviewing an application for a practitioner permit, the Board may consider experience, training and/or certification acquired in other states that regulate body art.
  - (2) Training for all practitioners shall be approved by the Board and, at a minimum, shall include the following:

- (a) bloodborne pathogen training program (or equivalent) which includes infectious disease control; waste disposal; hand washing techniques; sterilization equipment operation and methods; and sanitization, disinfection and sterilization methods and techniques; and
- (b) Current certification in First Aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Examples of courses approved by the Board include "Preventing Disease Transmission" (American Red Cross) and "Bloodborne Pathogen Training" (U.S. OSHA). Training/courses provided by professional body art organizations or associations or by equipment manufacturers may also be submitted to the Board for approval.

- (3) All applicants shall provide documentation, acceptable to the Board, that s/he completed a course on anatomy and physiology with a grade of C or better at a college accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, or comparable accrediting entity. This course must include instruction on the system of the integumentary system (skin).
- (4) The applicant for all practitioners shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board of at least two years actual experience in the practice of performing body art activities of the kind for which the applicant seeks a body art practitioner permit to perform, whether such experience was obtained within or outside of the Commonwealth.
- (F) A practitioner's permit shall be conditioned upon continued compliance with all applicable provisions of these rules and regulations.
- (G) The Board may consider the application for student/apprentice practitioner provided the applicant must perform under the direct supervision of a permitted practitioner.

#### 2012A. Grounds for Suspension, Denial, Revocation, or Refusal to Renew Permit

- (A) The Board may suspend a permit, deny a permit, revoke a permit or refuse to renew a permit on the following grounds, each of which, in and of itself, shall constitute full and adequate grounds for suspension, denial, revocation or refusal to renew:
  - (1) any actions which would indicate that the health or safety of the public would be at risk;
  - (2) fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in obtaining a permit, or its renewal;
  - (3) criminal conduct which the Board determines to be of such a nature as to render the establishment, practitioner or applicant unfit to practice body art as evidenced by criminal proceedings resulting in a conviction, guilty plea, or plea of *nolo contendere* or an admission of sufficient facts;
    - (a) any present or past violation of the Board's regulations governing the practice of body art;
    - (b) practicing body art while the ability to practice is impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical disability or mental instability;
    - (c) being habitually drunk or being dependent on, or a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effects;



- (d) knowingly permitting, aiding or abetting an unauthorized person to perform activities requiring a permit;
  - (e) continuing to practice while his/her permit is lapsed, suspended, or revoked; and
  - (f) having been disciplined in another jurisdiction in any way by the proper permitting authority for reasons substantially the same as those set forth in the Board's regulations.
  - (g) other just and sufficient cause which the Board may determine would render the establishment, practitioner or applicant unfit to practice body art.
- (B) The Board shall notify an applicant, establishment or practitioner in writing of any violation of the Board's regulations, for which the Board intends to deny, revoke, or refuse to renew a permit. The applicant, establishment or practitioner shall have seven (7) days after receipt of such written notice in which to comply with the Board's regulations. The Board may deny, revoke or refuse to renew a permit, if the applicant, establishment or practitioner fails to comply after said seven (7) days subject to the procedure outlined in Section 14.
- (C) Applicants denied a permit may reapply at any time after denial.

#### 2013A. Grounds for Suspension of Permit

The Board may summarily suspend a permit pending a final hearing on the merits on the question of revocation if, based on the evidence before it, the Board determines that an establishment and/or a practitioner is an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare. The suspension of a permit shall take effect immediately upon written notice of such suspension by the Board.

#### 2014A. Procedure for Hearings

The owner of the establishment or practitioner shall be given written notice of the Board's intent to hold a hearing for the purpose of suspension, revocation, denial or refusal to renew a permit. This written notice shall be served through a certified letter sent return receipt requested or by constable. The notice shall include the date, time and place of the hearing and the owner of the establishment or practitioner's right to be heard. The Board shall hold the hearing no later than 21 days from the date the written notice is received.

In the case of a suspension of a permit as noted in Section 2012A, a hearing shall be scheduled no later than 21 days from the date of the suspension.

#### 2015A. Severability

If any provision contained in the model regulations is deemed invalid for any reason, it shall be severed and shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

#### 2016A. Violations, Penalties and Enforcement

*Non-Criminal Disposition* -Whoever violates any provision of these rules and regulations may be penalized by a non-criminal method in the District Court pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 40ss 21D. For the purposes of this regulation the following fine schedule will be imposed:

First offense – written warning  
Second offense - \$50.00  
Third offense - \$100.00  
Fourth and subsequent offenses - \$300.00

Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense. The third offense at a single facility shall result in a hearing before the Board of Health to suspend or withdraw a body art license if appropriate or a determination to file a criminal complaint.

*Criminal Complaint* – as provided in MGL Chapter 111 § 31 – Whoever violates any provision of these rules and regulations may be penalized by indictment or complaint brought in District Court. Except as otherwise provided by law, the fine shall be \$1,000.00 for each offense.

#### 2017A. Variances

Variances from this regulation may be granted by the Board of Health after a hearing at which the applicant establishes the following:

- (a) Enforcement thereof would do manifest injustice; and
- (b) A variance contemplated from these regulations will not in the opinion of the Board of Health adversely affect the purpose and intent of this regulation.

### **3000 MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS**

3001 All commercial establishments must have automatic pilots on their gas appliances, with 100% shutoffs. Any appliance found unsafe will be subject to removal. This applies to all preexisting appliances.

### **4000 TOBACCO CONTROL REGULATIONS**

#### 4001 Statement of Purpose:

Whereas there exists conclusive evidence that tobacco smoke causes cancer, respiratory and cardiac diseases, negative birth outcomes, irritations to the eyes, nose and throat; and whereas more than eighty percent of all smokers begin smoking before the age of eighteen years (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Youth Surveillance - United States 2000," 50 MMWR 1 (Nov. 2000); and whereas nationally in 2000, sixty nine percent of middle school age children who smoke at least once a month were not asked to show proof of age when purchasing cigarettes (Id.); and whereas the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has concluded that nicotine is as addictive as cocaine or heroin; and whereas despite state laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to minors, access by minors to tobacco products is a major problem; now, therefore it is the intention of the Wellfleet Board of Health to curtail the access of tobacco products by minors.

#### 4002 Authority:

This regulation is promulgated pursuant to the authority granted to the Wellfleet Board of Health by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 31 that "Boards of Health may make reasonable health regulations"

#### 4003 Definitions:

For the purpose of this regulation, the following words shall have the following meanings:

Business Agent: An individual who has been designated by the owner or operator of any establishment to be the manager or otherwise in charge of said establishment.

Employee: Any individual who performs services for an employer.

Employer: Any individual, partnership, association, corporation, trust or other organized group of individuals, including Wellfleet or any agency thereof, which uses the services of one (1) or more employees.

Minor: Any individual who is under the age of eighteen (18).

Permit Holder: Any person engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco products directly to consumers who applies for and receives a tobacco sales permit or any person who is required to apply for a tobacco sales permit pursuant to these regulations, or his or her business agent.

Person: An individual, employer, employee, retail store manager or owner, or the owner or operator of any establishment engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco products directly to consumers.

Self Service Display: Any display from which customers may select a tobacco product without assistance from an employee or store personnel, excluding vending machines.

Tobacco Product: Cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, bidis, snuff or tobacco in any of its forms.

Vending Machine: Any automated or mechanical self service device, which upon insertion of money, tokens or any other form of payment, dispenses cigarettes or any other tobacco product.

#### 4004 Tobacco Sales to Minors Prohibited:

1. No person shall sell tobacco products or permit tobacco products to be sold to a minor; or not being the minor's parent or legal guardian, give tobacco products to a minor.

2. In conformance with and in addition to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 270, Section 7, a copy of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 270, Section 6, shall be posted conspicuously by the owner or other person in charge thereof in the shop or other place used to sell tobacco products at retail. The notice shall be provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and made available from the Wellfleet Board of Health. The notice shall be at least 48 square inches and shall be posted conspicuously by the permit holder in the retail establishment or other place in such a manner so that it may be readily seen by a person standing at or approaching the cash register. The notice shall directly face the purchaser and shall not be obstructed from view or placed at a height of less than four (4) feet or greater than nine (9) feet from the floor.

3. Identification: Each person selling or distributing tobacco products shall verify the age of the purchaser by means of government-issued photographic identification containing the bearer's date of birth that the purchaser is 18 years old or older. Verification is required for any person under the age of 27.

4. All retail sales of tobacco must be face-to-face between the seller and the buyer.

#### 4005 Sales Permit:

1. No person shall sell or otherwise distribute tobacco at retail within Wellfleet without first obtaining a tobacco sales permit issued annually by the Wellfleet Board of Health.

2. As part of the tobacco sales permit application process, the applicant will be provided with the Wellfleet Board of Health regulation. Each applicant is required to sign a statement declaring that the applicant has read said regulation and that the applicant is responsible for instructing any and all employees who will be responsible for tobacco sales regarding both state laws regarding the sale of tobacco and this regulation.

3. Each applicant is required to provide proof of a current tobacco sales license issued by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue before a tobacco sales permit can be issued.

4. The fee for a tobacco sales permit shall be determined by the Wellfleet Board of Health and Wellfleet Board of Selectmen. All such permits shall be renewed annually by January 1.

5. A separate permit is required for each retail establishment selling tobacco.

6. Each tobacco sales permit shall be displayed at the retail establishment in a conspicuous place.

7. No tobacco sales permit holder shall allow any employee to sell cigarettes or other tobacco products until such employee reads this regulation and state laws regarding the sale of tobacco and signs a statement, a copy of which will be placed on file in the office of the employer, that he/she has read the regulation and applicable state laws.

8. A tobacco sales permit is non-transferable, except a new permit will be issued to a retailer who changes location.

9. Issuance of a tobacco sales permit shall be conditioned on an applicant's consent to unannounced, periodic inspections of his/her retail establishment to ensure compliance with this regulation.

#### 4006 Out-of-Package Sales:

No person may sell or cause to be sold or distribute or cause to be distributed, any cigarette package that contains fewer than twenty (20) cigarettes, including single cigarettes.

#### 4007 Self Service Displays:

All self service displays of tobacco products are prohibited. All humidors including, but not limited to, walk-in humidors must be locked.

#### 4008. Tobacco Vending Machines:

All tobacco vending machines are prohibited.

#### 4009 Violations:

1. It shall be the responsibility of the permit holder and/or his or her business agent to ensure compliance with all sections of this regulation pertaining to his or her distribution of tobacco. The violator shall receive:

a. In the case of a first violation, a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

b. In the case of a second violation within 18 months of the date of the current violation, a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and the tobacco sales permit shall be suspended for seven (7) consecutive business days.

c. In the case of three or more violations within an 18 month period, a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and the tobacco sales permit shall be suspended for thirty (30) consecutive business days.

2. Refusal to cooperate with inspections pursuant to this regulation shall result in the suspension of the tobacco sales permit for thirty (30) consecutive business days.

3. In addition to the monetary fines set above, any permit holder who engages in the sale or distribution of tobacco products directly to a consumer while his or her permit is suspended shall be subject to the suspension of all Board of Health issued permits for thirty (30) consecutive business days.

4. The Wellfleet Board of Health shall provide notice of the intent to suspend a tobacco sales permit, which notice shall contain the reasons therefore and establish a time and date for a hearing which date shall be no earlier than seven (7) days after the date of said notice. The permit holder or its business agent shall have an opportunity to be heard at such hearing and shall be notified of the Board of Health's decision and the reasons therefore in writing. The Wellfleet Board of Health after a hearing, may suspend the tobacco sales permit. All tobacco products shall be removed from the retail establishment upon suspension of the tobacco sales permit. Failure to remove all tobacco products shall constitute a separate violation of this regulation.

5. Any permit holder who does not pay the assessed fine within twenty-one days from fine issuance may be subject to criminal proceedings.

#### 4010 Non-Criminal Disposition:

Whoever violates any provision of this regulation may be penalized by the non-criminal method of disposition as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21 D or by filing a criminal complaint at the appropriate venue.

Each day any violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

#### 4011 Enforcement:

Enforcement of this regulation shall be by the Board of Health of Wellfleet or its designated agent(s).

Any citizen who desires to register a complaint pursuant to the regulation may do so by contacting the Board of Health of Wellfleet or its designated agent(s) and the Board shall investigate.

#### 4012 Severability:

If any provision of these regulations is declared invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby but shall continue in full force and effect.

### **5000 REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS**

The following regulations are incorporated into this document:

- A. 105 CMR 123.000, Tanning Facilities
- B. 105 CMR 410.000, Minimum Standards of Fitness for Human Habitation: State Sanitary Code, Chapter II
- C. 310 CMR 22.00, Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations
- D. 310 CMR 15.000, State Environmental Code, Title 5
- E. 105 CMR 590.000 – 595.000, Vending Machines and State Sanitary Code for Food Establishments, Article X
- F. 105 CMR 435.000, State Sanitary Code, Chapter V, Minimum Standards for Swimming Pools.

### **6000 TEMPORARY REGULATIONS**

6001 (Moratorium adopted 12/16/85 by the Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Health on approval of well and septic system permits on certain parcels of land.) Regulation rescinded in its entirety.

### **7000 PROCEDURES**

7001 The Board of Health shall establish fees for the activities under its jurisdiction, and maintain, for public inspection, a current schedule of such fees.

#### 7002 Variances

Requests for variance from Title 5 and/or the Wellfleet Board of Health Regulations must be made in writing, and must state the specific variance(s) sought and the reasons therefore. This letter

shall be accompanied by a list of all abutters. Abutters are to be notified by the applicant per current Board of Health procedures of the time and place of the hearing during which the request will be heard. (Abutters must be notified 10 days in advance of the hearing by certified mail and proof of notification must be presented at the time of the hearing.) When the applicant wishes to install a septic system, the letter requesting the variance(s) shall be accompanied by (1) an application for a Disposal Works Construction Permit and payment for said permit, (2) engineered plans for the proposed disposal system, (3) floor plans for the building(s) to be served, (4) well water test results, (5) well construction record when a new well is involved. These materials must be in the Health Department at 12:00 PM a minimum of 1 week prior to the meeting date.

#### 7003 Violations

When the Board of Health/Health Agent considers a regulation is being violated penalties will be initiated as follows:

- A. Criminal Complaint – Whoever violates any provision of these rules and regulations may be penalized by indictment or on complaint brought in District Court. Except as may otherwise be provided by law, and, as District Court may see fit to impose, the maximum penalty for any violation of these provisions shall be \$300 for each offense.
- B. Non-Criminal Disposition – Whoever violates any provision of these rules and regulations may, in the discretion of the Health Agent, be penalized by a non-criminal complaint in District Court pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D. For the purpose of this provision, any person who violates any provision of these regulations, or any condition issued pursuant to it shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$200.00. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.
- C. Violation of Board of Health Regulations may result in the suspension, revocation or alteration of local licenses or permits. (Alterations may include restrictions based on occupancy loading, including, but not necessarily limited to the number of bedrooms, restaurant seats or other mechanisms of protecting public health.

7004 Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Health, or by the failure of the Board to act, may appeal to Superior Court, Barnstable County, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws.

**8000 FEE SCHEDULE**  
(revised 8/7/08)

Permit Type	Fee
Commercial Septic Const. Permit - New Construction	\$150.00
- Varianced	\$250.00
- Upgrade	\$100.00
- Simple Repair	\$75.00
Residential Septic Const. Permit - New Construction	\$125.00
- Varianced	\$200.00
- Upgrade	\$75.00
- Simple Repair	\$50.00
Real Estate Transfer Septic Waiver	\$100.00
Real Estate Transfer Oil Tank Waiver	\$150.00
Septic Re-Inspection	\$50.00
Well Construction/Replacement Permit	\$50.00
Soil Evaluation (Perc Test)	\$100.00
Installer's Exam	\$25.00
Housing Inspection/ Field Determination, Per unit	\$60.00
Food Establishment	
0-50 Seats	\$100.00
51-100 Seats	\$150.00
Over 100 Seats	\$200.00
Temporary Food Establishment	\$25.00 per calendar day
Frozen Dessert Manufacturer	\$25.00
Mobil Food Service Vendor (Prepared Foods)	\$100.00
Mobil Food Service Vendor (Packaged Foods)	\$75.00
Retail Food	\$100.00
Retail Food / Food Service Establishment	\$150.00
Septic Installers	\$100.00
Septage Haulers	\$100.00
Refuse Haulers	\$100.00
Motel/Cabin/Trailer Park Permit	\$50.00
Recreational Camp For Children	\$50.00
Commercial Pool Permit	\$100.00
Residential Pool Installation Permit	\$50.00
Tobacco	\$100.00
Funeral Director	\$100.00
Animal Permit, Per animal or per 3 fowl	\$3.00
Stable Permit	\$25.00
Tanning Facility	\$200.00
Body Art Establishment	\$600.00
Body Art Practitioner	\$400.00 per person



**Town of Wellfleet  
Board of Health  
Schedule of Fees and Conditions for Solid Waste Disposal  
at the Wellfleet Transfer Station  
EFFECTIVE 7/1/2016**

**Residential Waste Disposal**

1. Resident Vehicle Sticker

A.	1 <sup>st</sup> vehicle.....	\$25.00
B.	2 <sup>nd</sup> vehicle.....	\$10.00
C.	3 <sup>rd</sup> vehicle.....	\$35.00

Stickers are to be permanently affixed to the upper part of the exterior of the rearmost side window on the driver's side of the vehicle, and allow unlimited entry for disposal of reasonable quantities of ordinary household waste from a single residence only. All waste must be in Wellfleet designated "Pay as You Throw" bags.

2. Pay As You Throw Bags

A.	large (about 33 gallons).....	\$1.50
B.	medium (about 15 gallons).....	\$1.00
C.	small (about 8 gallons).....	\$ .50

3. One Time User Fee.....\$5.00/bag

Pay as You Throw bags not required however, there is a 35 gallon bag limit.

**Commercial Waste Disposal**

1. Commercial Business Vehicle Sticker

A.	small vehicle (<1 ton).....	\$65.00
B.	large vehicle (>1 ton).....	\$95.00

Disposal of waste from hotels, motels, cottage colonies, condominiums, restaurants, and commercial businesses requires a commercial business vehicle sticker.

2. Commercial Refuse Fee

A.	waste in Pay as You Throw bags.....	free
B.	waste not in Pay as You Throw bags.....	\$120.00/ton

**Commercial Refuse Hauler**

1. Commercial Refuse Hauler Vehicle Sticker.....\$95.00

2. Commercial Refuse Hauler Residential Refuse Fee.....\$30.00/ton

If waste is to be disposed of at the Wellfleet Transfer Station it is required to be in Wellfleet designated "Pay as You Throw" bags.

**Construction and Demolition Disposal**

1. Construction and Demolition Disposal Fee.....\$270.00/ton  
Construction and demolition includes sheet rock, bricks, asphalt, shingles, windows, doors, and scrap lumber which is cut into six foot lengths.

**Bulk Metal**

1. Bulk Metal Disposal Fee.....\$40.00/ton

**Special Fee Items**

Appliances.....	\$10.00 each
Carpets.....	\$10.00 each
50 Gallon Drums.....	\$5.00 each
Mattresses and Box Springs.....	\$20.00 each
Petroleum Tanks-300 Gallons.....	\$30.00 each
Propane Tanks- 20 lb Capacity.....	\$/3.00 each
Propane Tanks- >20 lb Capacity.....	\$/20.00 each
Sofas and Chairs.....	/\$10.00 each
Televisions and Computer Monitors.....	/\$10.00 each
Car Tires.....	\$2.00 each
Water Tanks.....	\$5.00 each
Other Bulky Items.....	\$10.00 each

**THERE WILL BE NO FEE FOR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS**

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **RECYCLING**

The following items must be separated for recycling and are accepted at the Transfer Station:

#### **PAPER**

- Newspapers / inserts
- Corrugated cardboard, flattened
- No soiled paper
- No plastic bags or waxed cardboard

#### **GLASS**

- Glass bottles and jars – clear, green and brown
- Rinse clean, remove lids and corks but neck rings, collars & labels may stay on
- No broken glass or other glass items such as window glass, mirrors, dishes, glasses, Pyrex, ceramics, or light bulbs

#### **METAL**

- Tin, steel and aluminum cans and lids
- Deposit and non-deposit beverage cans
- No aluminum foil
- Rinse clean, may flatten, labels may stay on
- No cans containing aerosol or paint

#### **PLASTIC**

- Plastic containers labeled 1 and 2 (check bottom of container for number)
- Empty and rinse containers clean, flatten
- No plastic bags or unmarked plastic

#### **YARD WASTE**

- Grass, leaves and other easily raked material, loose only – no bags
- Christmas trees
- Branches no larger than 6' length and 2" diameter
- No stumps or vines

#### **BULK METAL**

- Large metal items, all rubber removed / extra fee applies
- Appliances – remove doors / extra fee applies

#### **AUTOMOTIVE**

- Tires – remove rims / extra fee applies
- Car batteries
- Motor oil
- Antifreeze

#### **SCRAP WOOD**

- Clean wood only – no paint or nails
- No particle board

#### **PAINT**

- Paints accepted for recycling on the third Saturday of each month, April through October
- Latex and oil based paints

#### **HORSE MANURE**

- One ton of residential horse manure per customer per day
- Manure must be produced from horses with a vegetarian diet

